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Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson
Office of the Surgeon General
5600 Fishers Lane
Room 18-66
Rockville, MD 20857

RE: Chinese Drywall

Dear Admiral Galson,

To date, 549 "cases" of Chinese drywall in 30 Florida counties have been reported to the Florida Department of Health. Quotations surround the word *cases* because the data is self reported and the actual number of cases may be higher.

Many Floridians, some literally in our backyard, are forced to move out of their homes for fear of damaging health effects. Others would like to repair their property, but must stay in their homes because they cannot afford the cost of paying both a mortgage and hotel bill during this economic recession.

I understand that you are facilitating the investigations of the infected Chinese drywall. I have been informed by the office of Governor Charlie Crist that Florida can expect results of your investigations by mid-October. I write today to encourage you and your team to produce these investigative reports as soon as possible so that our state and our people can rapidly move forward in resolving this horrendous problem.

If there is anything my office can do to assist your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, I ask you to keep me and the public informed of any progress made in regards to this issue as, understandably, our constituents need hope and they need answers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Rader".

KEVIN J. G. RADER
State Representative
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CC: The Honorable Bill Nelson, U.S. Senator, Florida
CC: The Honorable George LeMieux, U.S. Senator, Florida
CC: The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor, State of Florida
CC: U.S. House of Representatives, All Florida delegation members
CC: The Honorable Larry Cretul, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
CC: The Honorable Jeff Atwater, President, Florida Senate